

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 946

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A RESOLUTION to honor Colonel Tracy Trott on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable law enforcement professionals who have dedicated their careers to protecting and serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Tracy Trott, who has provided exemplary leadership as the commanding officer of the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) for the past eight years, is retiring after forty years of service on May 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, renowned for his work ethic and his many accomplishments, Colonel Trott has embraced the mission of THP by advancing the standard for enforcing highway safety; and

WHEREAS, under Colonel Trott's leadership, Tennessee has experienced the lowest traffic fatality rates since 1963, which translates to more than 170 lives being saved annually during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Trott has deftly guided the growth of THP, which now employs more than 900 troopers, and the agency has received several national awards on his watch; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, THP was named the national "First Place Winner" in the Highway Patrol/State Police agency category consisting of 501-1500 troopers and also received two awards in "Traffic Incident Management and Technology"; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has credited Colonel Trott with "not only making our roadways safer but...transforming the THP into one of the strongest state law enforcement agencies in the country"; and

WHEREAS, a member of THP since 1978, Colonel Trott served seven years as a Road Trooper; six years as a Sergeant; and fourteen years as a Troop Lieutenant, managing five

counties in the Tri-Cities area; he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in August of 2006 and assumed the reins of leadership as Colonel in September 2010; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Trott was twice honored as one of the top ten troopers in DUI enforcement in Tennessee (1983-1984) and selected by the Tennessee Chapter of MADD to receive the 2015 Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving Award for his efforts to reduce impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administration recently presented him with the prestigious Martha Irwin Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his successful career in public safety, and Colonel Trott also received the 2016 Lead by Example Award from the Tennessee Government Executive Institute; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the General Chair of the IACP Division of State and Provincial Police, which represents all state police organizations and provincial departments in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Trott has an associate degree, bachelor's degree, and master's degree from East Tennessee State University, where he began his career as a campus police officer; he is also a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and the FBI National Executive Institute; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished forty-year tenure with THP, Colonel Tracy Trott has been wholly committed to furthering the agency's mission, resources, and reputation, and he should be recognized on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Colonel Tracy Trott for his honorable and astute service to the people of this State as the commanding officer of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, thank him for his work in making the THP a highly professional law enforcement agency, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.